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**MEMORANDUM FOR: D/R&D/OSA**

**SUBJECT: Telecon with Kelly Johnson re U-2R**

1. Kelly Johnson called on 23 February to relate a problem being encountered with the U-2R during the take-off roll in the 10-40 miles per hour regime. In several instances the aircraft has veered to the left within the 10-40 miles per hour envelope. Kelly does not know what is happening and the occurrences have been with light as well as heavy fuel loads. In order to get to the bottom of the problem Kelly is scheduling some take-off rolls from the lake bed. I suggested that they take photographs of the take-offs to assist in finding out what is going on.

2. Kelly said he would prefer not to hand over the third U-2R until the aforementioned problem is identified and fixed. He will keep us informed on test results.

**JOHN PARANGOSKY**  
**DD/SA**

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